

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

STEPHEN CHRISTIE,

Petitioner,

v.

WARDEN TIM GARRETT,

Respondents.

Case No. 3:23-cv-00255-ART-CLB

ORDER

Pro se Petitioner Stephen Christie has filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. (ECF No. 1-1.) Christie has not properly commenced this habeas action by either paying the standard \$5.00 filing fee or filing an application for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) and the Judicial Conference Schedule of Fees, a \$5.00 filing fee is required to initiate a habeas action in a federal district court. The court may authorize an indigent prisoner to begin a habeas action without paying the \$5 fee if he or she submits an IFP application on the approved form and includes three specific documents: (a) the prisoner’s financial declaration and acknowledgement showing an inability to prepay fees and costs, (b) a financial certificate signed by the prisoner and an authorized prison official, and (c) a copy of the prisoner’s account statement for the six-month period prior to filing. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a); LSR 1-1, LSR 1-2. Christie has 45 days from the date of this order to either pay the \$5 filing fee or submit a complete IFP application with all required documentation.

It is therefore ordered that the initial screening of Petitioner Stephen Christie’s Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (ECF No. 1-1) under the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases is deferred until such time as he has fully complied with this order.

1 It is further ordered that within 45 days of the date of this order, Christie
2 must file an IFP application that includes a: (a) financial certificate signed by
3 Christie and an authorized prison official, (b) financial declaration and
4 acknowledgement signed by Christie, and (c) copy of Christie's inmate account
5 statement for the six-month period prior to filing. Alternatively, Christie must pay
6 the \$5 filing fee within 45 days. If Christie decides to pay the filing fee from his
7 inmate account, he must arrange to have a copy of this order attached to the
8 check for the filing fee. Christie's failure to timely comply with this order will
9 result in the dismissal of this matter without prejudice and without further
10 advance notice.

11 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court send Christie one blank copy
12 of the IFP application form for inmates along with instructions and two copies of
13 this order.

14 DATED THIS 14th day of June 2023.

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19 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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